# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7    G06F1/00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7    G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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**Box II    Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
   because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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**Box III    Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

        see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

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                             ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM    PCT/ISA/ 210**

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of)
inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-11,21-22, 25-26, 29-30

   A software license management  system and method utlising a
   software controller for controlling use of a software
   product, a license management server communicating with the
   software controller, an user accessible exchange token
   depending on a current data token representing a license
   with an use period to use the software product. The problem
   to be solved is to let the user to transfer licenses between
   devices while enforcing single-instance licenses.

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2. claims: 12-20,23-24,27-28,31-32,33

   A software license management system and method utilising a
   software controller for controlling use of a software
   product, a license managemetn server communicating with the
   software controller, an exchange token associated with said
   license, and a current token representing said license with
   a use period to use the software product. The problem to be
   solved is to enable, without user necessarily accessing an
   exchange token, a license transfer and single-instance
   licenses.

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